

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

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Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act—Closure: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6049, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring provisions, to provide individual income tax relief.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on closure will occur on Friday, September 19, 2008.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—201) Page S8933

Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and recessed at 7:46 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 18, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8961.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Cheryl Feldman Halpern, of New Jersey, David H. Pryor, of Arkansas, and Elizabeth Sembler, of Florida, who were both introduced by Senator Nelson (FL), Bruce M. Ramer, of California, and Loretta Cheryl Sutliff, of Nevada, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

An original bill to designate a portion of the Rapahannock River in the Commonwealth of Virginia as the "John W. Warner Rapids";

H.R. 3999, to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve the safety of Federal-aid highway bridges, to strengthen bridge inspection standards and processes, to increase investment in the reconstruction of structurally deficient bridges on the National Highway System;

An original bill to amend the Public works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize that Act;

S. 2080, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1387, to amend the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 to provide for greenhouse gases, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2970, to enhance the ability of drinking water utilities in the United States to develop and implement climate change adaptation programs and policies;

An original bill to address the health and economic development impacts of nonattainment of federally mandated air quality standards in the San Joaquin Valley, California, by designating air quality empowerment zones;

An original bill to protect pregnant women and children from dangerous lead exposures;

H.R. 1464, to assist in the conservation of rare felids and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1771, to assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries the activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes and the ecosystems of cranes;

H.R. 3224, to amend the National Dam Safety Program Act to establish a program to provide grant assistance to States for the rehabilitation and repair of deficient dams;

H.R. 5001, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to provide for the redevelopment of the Old Post Office Building located in the District of Columbia;

S. 3489, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions;

An original bill to restore the value of every American in environmental decisions;

S. 1828, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study of the feasibility of increasing the consumption in the United States of certain ethanol-blended gasoline, with an amendment; and

An original bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to improve water and wastewater infrastructure in the United States.

GEORGIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Russia's aggression against Georgia, focusing on the consequences and responses relative to the relationship between the United States and Russia, after receiving testimony from William J. Burns, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

401(K) AND SAVING FOR RETIREMENT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine 401(k) plan fee disclosure, focusing on helping workers save for retirement, after receiving testimony from Bradford P. Campbell, Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Employee Benefits Security Administration; Olena Berg Lacy, Pension Rights Center, Washington, D.C.; Paul Hunt, Millennium Advisory Services, Inc., Glen Allen, Virginia, on behalf of the United States Chamber of Commerce; and R. Theodore Benna, 401(k) Association, Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania.

FBI

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), after receiving testimony from Robert S. Mueller, III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Patrick W. Dunne, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

ADVERTISING OF MEDICAL DEVICES

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine direct-to-consumer medical device advertising, focusing on marketing and medicine, after receiving testimony from Daniel Schulz, Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Kevin J. Bozic, University of California, San Francisco Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, on behalf of the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons and American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons; William E. Boden, University at Buffalo Schools of Medicine and Public Health, Buffalo, New York; George A. Diamond, Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, California; Ruth S. Day, Duke University Medical Cognition Laboratory, Durham, North Carolina; and Ami Gadhia, Consumers Union, and Stephen J. Ubl, Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed), both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 6918–6935; and 14 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 418–419; and H. Res. 1448–1459 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1449, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6604) to amend the Commodity Exchange

Act to bring greater transparency and accountability to commodity markets (H. Rept. 110–859).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Danny Davis, Mount Hermon Baptist Church, Danville, Virginia.

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National Capital Security and Safety Act: The House passed H.R. 6842, to require the District of Columbia to revise its laws regarding the use and possession of firearms as necessary to comply with the requirements of the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of *District of Columbia v. Heller*,